



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

August 30, 2000

H.R. 4725

A bill to amend the Zuni Land Conservation Act of 1990 to provide for the expenditure of Zuni funds by that tribe, to establish the Native Nations Institute for Leadership, Management, and Policy to provide opportunities for leadership and management training and policy analysis for Native Americans, Alaska Natives, and others involved in tribal leadership and management, and for other purposes

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Resources on July 26, 2000

SUMMARY

H.R. 4725 would give the Zuni Indian Tribe control over certain tribal funds and would authorize appropriations for an institute to provide leadership, management, and policy training to Native Americans. Assuming the appropriation of the authorized amounts, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 4725 would cost \$11 million over the 2001-2005 period for grants to the institute that would be established by the bill. Because the bill would not affect direct spending or receipts, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

The bill contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (UMRA) and would impose no costs on state, local, or tribal governments. Enactment of the legislation would benefit the Zuni tribe by giving it greater control over money in the Zuni Indian Resource Development Trust Fund.

ESTIMATED COST TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The estimated budgetary impact of H.R. 4725 is shown in the following table. The costs of this legislation fall within budget function 500 (education, training, employment, and social services).

	By Fiscal Year, in Millions of Dollars				
	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
CHANGES IN SPENDING SUBJECT TO APPROPRIATION					
Estimated Authorization Level	2	2	2	3	3
Estimated Outlays	1	2	2	3	3

BASIS OF ESTIMATE

This estimate assumes that the bill will be enacted near the beginning of fiscal year 2001 and that the authorized amount will be appropriated over the next five years.

H.R. 4725 would establish the Native Nations Institute to provide leadership and management training to Indians and Indian tribes. The bill would authorize the appropriation of \$12 million over a five-year period to the Morris K. Udall Scholarship and Excellence in National Environmental Policy foundation to make grants to the institute. Based on information from the foundation, CBO estimates that \$2 million to \$3 million would be provided each year over the 2001-2005 period.

The bill also would designate the Zuni tribe as the trustee for the Zuni Indian Resource Development Trust Fund and would allow the tribe to spend the balance of the fund. The federal budget excludes trust funds that are held and managed in a fiduciary capacity by the federal government on behalf of Indian tribes. Based on information from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Office of Management and Budget, CBO expects that the Zuni Indian Resource Development Trust Fund will be reclassified as a nonbudgetary account before the end of fiscal year 2000. Therefore, any additional withdrawal of money from the trust fund by the tribe as a result of enacting this bill would not be recorded as an outlay and would have no impact on the federal budget.

PAY-AS-YOU-GO CONSIDERATIONS: None.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND PRIVATE-SECTOR IMPACT

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